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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, IC, NATO  
SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS - NAC CONSIDERATION  
REFERENCE: (A) USNATO 5831; (B) REYKJAVIK 1457

1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED DRAFT COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
ON IDF NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE COME TO CONCLUSION THAT  
DOCUMENT OF THIS LENGTH AND DETAIL UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT DO  
THE US ANY SPECIFIC GOOD AT THIS EARLY STAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS.  
NAC'S WEIGHING IN NOW COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE UNLESS  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION IS LOW-KEY.

2. US MISSION IS THEREFORE INSTRUCTED TO SUBSTITUTE SHORT-  
ENED VERSION OF RESOLUTION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

(1) IN SECGEN'S COVERING NOTE, WORD "REVISION" SHOULD  
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NOT BE USED (SEE REYKJAVIK 1457). THIS IS ESSENTIAL.

(2) SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING FOR DRAFT CONTAINED  
REFTEL:

THE COUNCIL:

CONVINCED THAT RECENT WORLD EVENTS CONFIRM THE IMPORTANCE OF ICELAND TO THE SECURITY OF THE OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE;

STRESSING THAT THE PROTECTION OF THE FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF ICELAND IS ITSELF A MAJOR OBJECTIVE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE;

RECALLING THAT THE FACILITIES CITED IN THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT OF 1951 BETWEEN ICELAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ARE USED IN DEFENSE OF ICELAND AND THUS ALSO OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY AREA.

THE COUNCIL

STRONGLY RECOMMENDS TO THE ICELANDIC AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS THAT, WHILE GIVING ALL POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION TO THE WISH OF THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT THAT THE NEED FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL STATIONED IN ICELAND BE KEPT AT THE ESSENTIAL MINIMUM AND THAT CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES CONCERNING THE FACILITIES BE PERFORMED BY ICELANDIC PERSONNEL, THEY TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE TO THE COMMON DEFENSE IS NOT DIMINISHED.

3. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO COORDINATE EFFORTS IN REGARD TO MODIFYING AND SHORTENING TEXT WHICH THEY ALSO FIND POMPOUS. YOU MAY COORDINATE WITH BRITISH AND, AS AMBASSADOR IRVING RECOMMENDS, WITH NORWEGIANS, DANES AND OTHERS WHILE MAINTAINING LOWEST PROFILE CONSISTENT WITH ACHIEVING AIM OF MUCH SIMPLER RESOLUTION. KISSINGER  
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